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Anniversary,
Bliss!

# Chu Chun ga Chun

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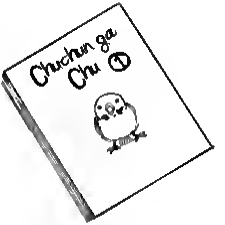
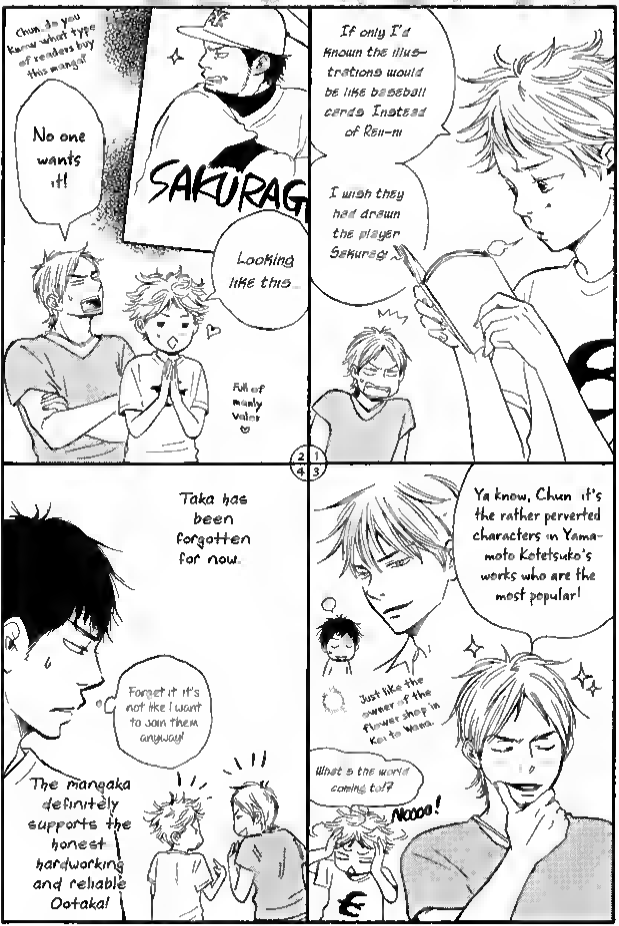
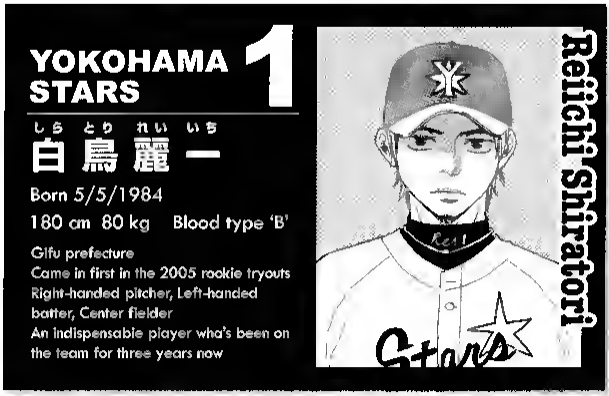



The book cover has the image of a sparrow, which is "suzume" in Japanese. Just like how we interpret the sound of birds as "chirp chirp", in Japanese, the sound of a suzume is "chun chun chun". When there's a sparrow-like character in anime or manga, the character would typically end his/her sentences with "-chun" at the end, just like how neko-like characters add "-nya" at the end of every sentence. Since the title of this manga sounds like a suzume, the mangaka drew a sparrow on the cover, not to mention, one of the character's name is "Suzume".

SWIT
I object!
You two stop cuddling!
Why did you pop up so suddenly?
Thank you!
It's been three years since it was first serialized... But only three to four months have passed in the manga
Thank you everyone for buying the first volume of Chuchun ga Chun ♡
213
Although I seem to be the main character in this manga... Right?
But the title sounds like a sparrow.
The header illustrations are of Reiki.
And the short stories is about him, too.
Ootaka is lost in thoughts while staring at the manga
Chuchun ga Chun ①
Ah~ This is first on
Why is it Ootaka who appears with you on the cover? How come I'm not part of it?
Reiki!
Obviously, because it's about my love story with Reiki!
It is not a love story!


Chun, do you know what type of readers buy this manga?
No one wants it!
SAKURAG
Looking like this...
Full of manly Valor ♡
If only I'd known the illustrations would be like baseball cards. Instead of Rei-ni
I wish they had drawn the player Sakuragi
2
1
4
3
Taka has been forgotten for now.
Forget it. It's not like I want to join them anyway!
The mangaka definitely supports the honest hardworking and reliable Ootaka!
Ya know, Chun, it's the rather perverted characters in Yamamoto Kotetsuko's works who are the most popular!
Just like the owner of the flower shop in Ke-to Wara.
What's the world coming to!?
Nooo!

REIICHI
SHIRATORI
YOKOHAMA STARS 1


YOKOHAMA STARS 1
しらとりれいいち
白鳥麗一
Born 5/5/1984
180 cm 80 kg Blood type 'B'
Gifu prefecture
Came in first in the 2005 rookie tryouts
Right-handed pitcher, Left-handed batter, Center fielder
An indispensable player who's been on the team for three years now
Reiichi Shiratori

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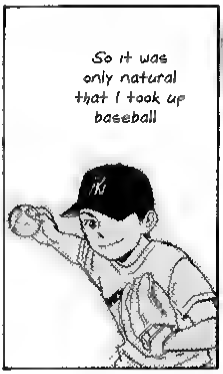
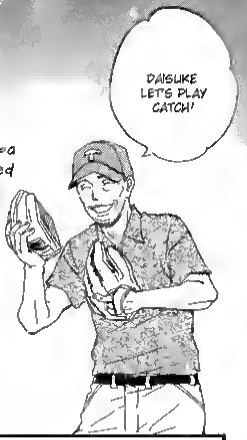
チュチュンがチュン 1

Presented by
Kotetsuko Yememoto

This place is so rural.
rattle
rattle
rattle
There are only two passengers.
rattle
rattle
rattle
rattle
Why am I here?
There's no point of me being here anymore...

GAME:1


So it was only natural that I took up baseball


DAISUKE LET'S PLAY CATCH!
My grandpa really loved baseball
And I... Really loved that side of grandpa

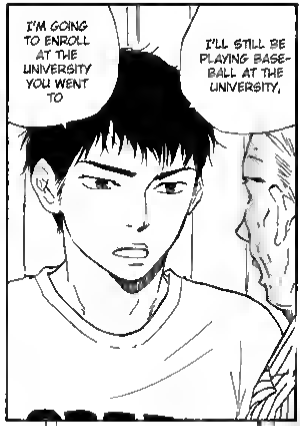
Grandpa was so happy every time I struck out the batters
so I tried my best to see my grandpa happy again...
Grrr

My baseball life was for the sake of my grandpa.

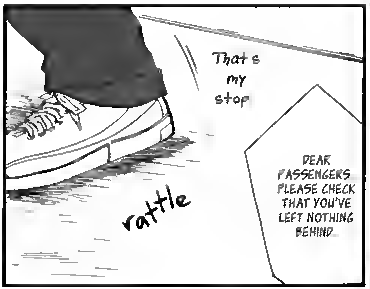
DAISUKE,
GRANDPA HAS BEEN HOSPITALIZED
DAISUKE HAVE YOU DECIDED WHAT YOU'LL DO AFTER YOU GRADUATE?
I'M THINKING OF GOING TO A UNIVERSITY
IN SUMMER, THE THIRD YEAR STUDENTS WILL BE LEAVING THE BASEBALL CLUB
I'M GLAD THAT I WAS ABLE TO WATCH ALL OF YOUR STRIKE-OUTS WHILE I'M ALIVE
I'LL DO IT AGAIN SOON

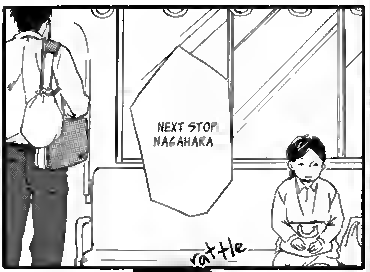
SO YOU HAVE TO STAY HEALTHY FOREVER
Grandpa looked very frajile so I told him about this in the spur of the moment to secure him

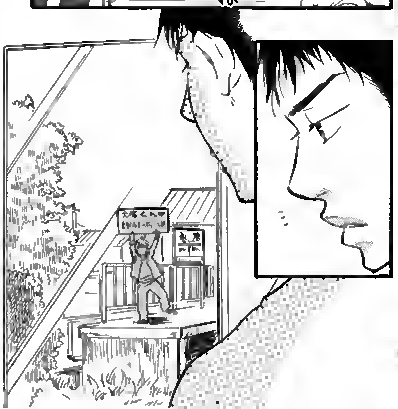
MINE?
IT'S TORIOKA UNIVERSITY. THAT'S WHERE I'M GOING


I'M GOING TO ENROLL AT THE UNIVERSITY YOU WENT TO
I'LL STILL BE PLAYING BASE-BALL AT THE UNIVERSITY.

But
In the end Grandpa passed away a few days before the university's entrance ceremony...
That's why I'm starting life at the university a few days late


That's my stop
rattle
DEAR PASSENGERS, PLEASE CHECK THAT YOU'VE LEFT NOTHING BEHIND...


NEXT STOP: NAGAHAKA
rattle



I WONDER IF I CAN STILL SWITCH TO THE OTHER UNIVERSITY IN OUR DISTRICT...
rattle
NAGA-HAKA...
NEXT STOP: NAGAHAKA.

Ootaka-kun♡
Welcome to Toriona Uni's baseball team
What
What's that?
hiss
NAGAHARA NAGAHARA
Slide

ARE YOU OOTAKA-KUN?
DAISUKE OOTAKA-KUN?
rattle
rattle
hiss
Welcome to Toriuka Uni's baseball team
THE TRAIN IS LEAVING
hiss
"Welcome to the baseball team"... Is he one of the players?
This is the first time I've seen this little runt
The manager?
EXCUSE ME...
You need...?
AH...
TORIOKA UNIVERSITY
YEAH, THAT'S ME
rattle
Who's this?
rattle

Huh?
Captain?
Third year?
Suzume?
HANG ON...
BUT THE ONE...
Certainly like this
I SAW LAST TIME WAS
On my last visit.
RIGHT, IT'S THE FIRST TIME WE'RE MEETING.
I'M SUZUME MORINO. A THIRD YEAR AND CAPTAIN OF THE BASE-BALL TEAM.
HA HA HA.
THAT WAS JUST THE VICE-CAPTAIN UGAWA PULLING YOUR LEG!
I've been tricked!?
LET'S GO, I'LL TAKE YOU TO THE DORM

190 CM.
OOTAKA, HOW TALL ARE YOU?
I envy you.
I've been tricked.
I've been tricked
SO TALL. THAT MAKES YOU THE TALLEST PLAYER IN OUR TEAM!
OH, really?
Ice Cre
Welcome
Uni's ba ball
caw
caw
Pat
DON'T WORRY
TORIOKA UNIVERSITY
RIOKA
VERSITY

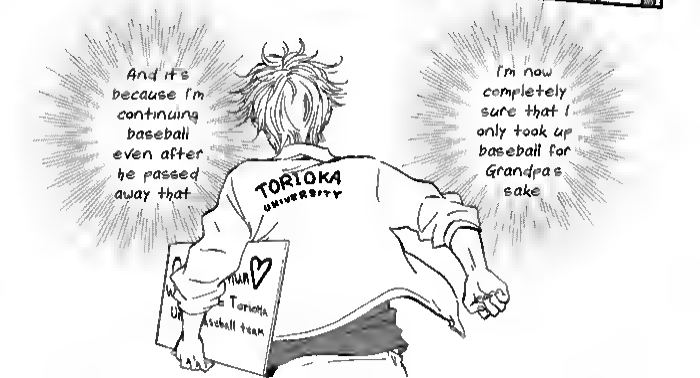
I KNOW YOU'RE WORRIED 'CAUSE YOU'RE STARTING SCHOOL A FEW DAYS LATE
BUT EVERYONE GETS ALONG REALLY WELL, SO IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE YOU SETTLE IN
TROUBLE IS THAT'S NOT THE PROBLEM...
HAA!
Tohoku University

The private university Torioka
This is where Grandpa studied
Its sprawling grounds play host to different sports events which are moderately successful and of a certain standard
Current position
Girl's tennis club, attention please... This is our new first year. Please give him your guidance.
Ooh!
Aah!
Welcome to Torioka Uni. baseball team
TORIOKA TENNIS
TORIOKA TENNIS
SPEAKING OF WHICH, IS HE REALLY THE CAPTAIN...?
That itself is a lie...
Where did I get skipping classes?
Curse me! I had to go meet a new student...
Especially with this type of captain...
I wonder what position he plays...
The baseball team seems to be kind of strong
I got in even without having any special results. That must be the standard here
HI!

WHEN SUMMER STARTED, WE WERE TRANSFERRED OVER THERE.
OH... THAT'S THE OLD FIELD
WHEN I WAS HERE BEFORE, WASN'T IT THAT WAY?
HUH?
Baseball team Field Private use
TO WHERE?
I see only fields and hills...
LET'S GO BEFORE IT GETS DARK!
Hurry! Hurry!
rustle
rustle
rustle
Haa
Haa
I can't believe it.
This can't be true.

Why do I have to cross this mountain too?
The school won't install lamp posts!
Ohtaka Junior High School baseball team
Hm
Hm
It's pretty scary to pass by here alone at night.
After crossing this mountain, we'll reach the new dorm and the field.
Hm
rustle
rustle

And the worst—
I mean, this is fraud.
This is not what I've been told


And it's because I'm continuing baseball even after he passed away that
I'm now completely sure that I only took up baseball for Grandpa's sake
TORIOKA UNIVERSITY
Toriota baseball team

I've gotten into this mess...
OOTAKA!
WE'RE HERE!
TORIOKA
clank
Hey!
clank

Author's personal only
EVERYONE'S ON THE FIELD, SO LET'S GO OVER AND I'LL INTRODUCE THEM TO YOU.
Just leave your bags at the canteen!
THIS THREE STORY BUILDING YOU SEE IS THE DORMITORY AND NEXT TO IT IS THE CANTEEN
IT REALLY IS BEHIND A MOUNTAIN
What's with this location?
THAT'S ALSO WHERE WE ASSEMBLE AND HAVE MEETINGS
OKAY, GATHER!
Yes sir!
HEY!
YOU'RE HERE! THANKS FOR YOUR HARD WORK.
He's the one who picked me up!

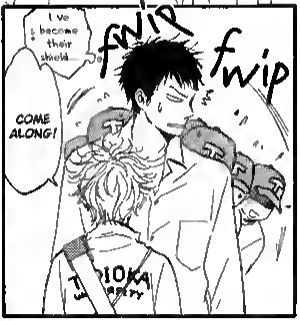
I'M DAISUKE OOTAKA
FIRST OF ALL,
THIS IS OUR NEWEST MEMBER WHO WAS DELAYED BECAUSE OF FAMILY MATTERS
Dismissed!
INTRODUCE YOURSELVES AFTER THIS GUYS
ALL RIGHT, DISMISSED!
I'M THE VICE-CAPTAIN KIYOHIKO UGAWA, BUT YOU KNEW THAT RIGHT?
grin
SO ALL THE FIRST YEARS ARE HERE NOW
chatter
Hello
I'm Morimoto
I'm Nakam
chatter
PLEASED TO MEET YOU I'M ARAGAKI
chatter
I'M OOSHIMA

FOR A MINUTE THERE I COULDN'T FIGURE OUT WHICH ONE WAS THE CAPTAIN!
YEAH
Pfft
Heh he he
You can say that again.
Ah...
Ah...

HOW MANY FIRST YEARS ARE THERE?
ELE-VEN!
BUT YOU LOOK A LOT OLDER, OOTAKA!
You're right.
Ha!

GASP
We didn't notice him 'cause he's so tiny.

TO YOUR ROOM THE MOVING COMPANY'S ALREADY PUT YOUR BELONG-INGS IN THERE
WHAT?
Ah... My bag...
Ah, thanks.
turn


I've become their shield...
fwip
fwip
COME ALONG!

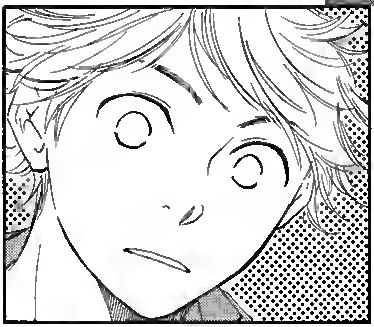
LISTEN UP, FIRST YEARS,
TOMORROW, YOU'LL RUN UP AND DOWN THE MOUNTAIN THREE TIMES!
ARE
GAL
HAVE MERCY!
eeeeek!
Am I also included there?
SO...
WHAT'S MY ROOM NUMBER?
Here, give me the bag. I'll carry it myself.

OOTAKA, YOU'LL BE STAYING HERE
TOKAI UNIVERSITY

THE FIRST YEARS SLEEP TWO TO A ROOM, SO YOU'RE THE ODD ONE OUT THERE AREN'T ENOUGH ROOMS,
NO
SO THIS OLD HOUSE HAS BEEN CONVERTED INTO A DORM. UGAWA AND I ARE STAYING HERE
YOU SHOULD BE HAPPY... THIS IS BIGGER THAN THE NEW DORM AND YOU'RE THE ONLY FIRST YEAR TO HAVE A ROOM TO HIMSELF!
♡
THANKS!
GLARE
Who's going to take my place!
Pleading glances
YOU LOT WERE HIDING BEHIND ME JUST NOW!
TURN AWAY
You gotta be kidding me.
Ah... I'll give you this as a souvenir.
♡
Ootaka-kun!
Welcome to Toriou Uni's baseball team
Staying in the same house as the captain and vice-captain...
Is going to kill me.

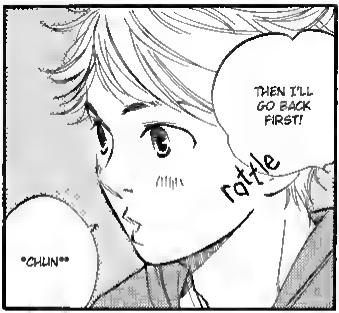
DON'T YOU NEED TO UNPACK?
OOTAKA, YOU'RE NOT GOING BACK TO YOUR ROOM?
lean

clack
rattle
Ah.. I'm so sleepy.
Thank you for the food.



He's come at the right time
I'd better make things clear while I still can.
CAPTAIN MORINO, I NEED TO TALK TO YOU.
ra-ttle

HUH?
bwa ha ha ha ha!

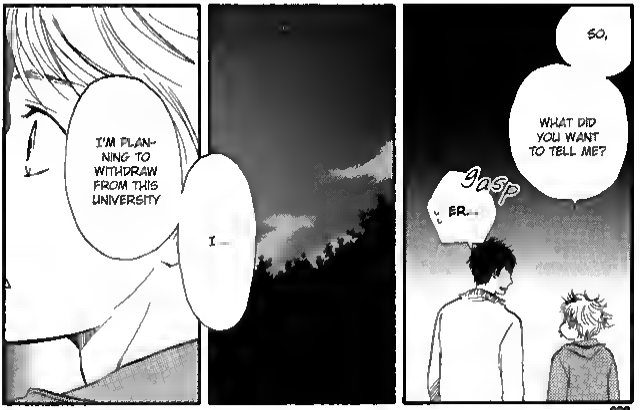



*See information

MY NAME IS SUZUME, SO EVERYONE CALLS ME "CHUN"*
I'M SO USED TO IT THAT I WAS TOO SURPRISED TO ANSWER WHEN YOU CALLED ME MORINO
What?

*Taka means literally "the eagle" and Ookami "the big eagle"

What's wrong with me?
My heart skipped a beat
WHAT ABOUT "CAPTAIN CHUN" ? Like that?
NAH.. IT SOUNDS STRANGE
THUMP
OF COURSE, SINCE I'M YOUR SENPAI YOU NEED TO CALL ME "SENPAI"!
"CHUN-SENPAI" ♡


I'M PLAN-NING TO WITHDRAW FROM THIS UNIVERSITY
I...
SO,
WHAT DID YOU WANT TO TELL ME?
Gasp
ER...

BE-
CAUSE...
I...
CAME HERE ON A WHIM TO BEGIN WITH...
I'VE ONLY JUST ARRIVED AND THIS IS WHAT I FIND MYSELF IN
YOU REALLY HATE RUNNING SO MUCH?

I have my reasons
but you don't need to know what they are.
OTHERWISE, WHY WOULD YOU SUDDENLY WANT TO LEAVE?
IT'S BECAUSE I TOLD THE FIRST YEARS THEY HAVE TO RUN UP AND DOWN THE HILL THREE TIMES TOMORROW. ISN'T IT!
What?
When did I say that?
ANYWAY, I'VE DECIDED TO LEAVE THIS SCHOOL...
STAND
WAIT
AH...
GRASP
TAKA, YOU CAME TO THIS UNIVERSITY BECAUSE YOU LOVE BASE-BALL RIGHT?

THEN, JUST FOR A MONTH... NO, OR EVEN A WEEK,
JUST TRY STAYING HERE WITH US!
WHO KNOWS, YOU MAY EVEN CHANGE YOUR MIND.
DO IT FOR ME...
!
...What?
pissed
Don't say things lightly...
ANGER
ANGER
WHY SHOULD I?

I'VE NO REASON TO STAY FOR YOUR SAKE, MORINO-SENPAI.
THEN...
RATTLE
Then go out with me!

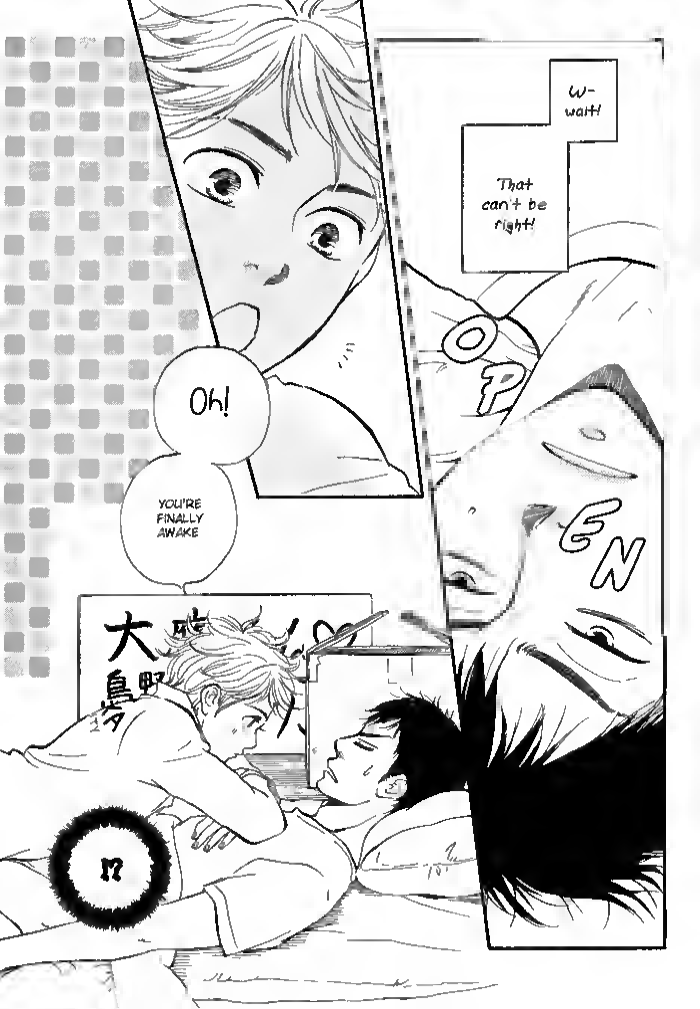
Huh?
FLASH
GOT IT!
YOU CAN'T DENY IT NOW WITH THIS AS PROOF!

What...
If you try to quit school, I'll go public with this photo!

What's going to happen to me now...
THIS IS CLEARLY BLACKMAIL...

# GAME:2

Then go out with me!
Even though it wasn't my first kiss.
It still stirred up memories of the few kisses I've had
Who would've thought
that a boy's lips could be as soft and full, just like a girl's


W-
wait!
That
can't be
right!
OPEN
Oh!
YOU'RE
FINALLY
AWAKE
大
鳥
ン
n

Hey.
Still asleep.
Pinch..
I CALLED YOU PINCHED YOUR NOSE THEN SLAPPED YOU, BUT YOU JUST SLEPT ON.
DO YOU HAVE SOME KIND OF STRANGE DISEASE?
I JUST FIND IT HARD TO WAKE UP
Mom used to scold me for it
Daisuke, get up!
zzz
W-w-what's going on?
TAKA, YOU SLEEP LIKE THE DEAD
TORIOKA
Shock
YOU'RE ASKING ME?
Lean
LOOKS LIKE I DIDN'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT YOU BEING ABLE TO SLEEP IN A NEW PLACE
You're lazy and slow to react.
YOU'RE REALLY SUITED TO DORM LIFE ♡
鷹くん♡
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
It's only half past six..
IT'S TIME TO GET UP, HAVE BREAKFAST, AND GET READY FOR CLASS!
Morning!
Everyone else was up ages ago!

AH!
GOOD MORNING CHUN-SAN!
GOOD MORNING
Morning
Morning
yawn
OOTAKA, OVER HERE!
Morning
TORIOKA UNIVERSITY
rattle
YOU LOOK TIRED. DIDN'T SLEEP WELL?
You're, Aragaki
GOOD MORNING
Yup

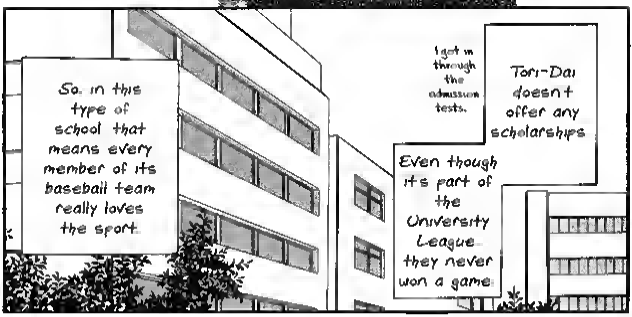
Right— I had forgotten—
Dorm
Field
WE HAVE TO RUN OVER A HILL TO GET TO CLASS
Ugh!
SIGH
SO YOU SHOULD EAT PLENTY OTHERWISE YOU'LL GET ABDOMINAL PAIN.
I was never away from home—
EVERYONE'S UP REALLY EARLY IS THIS WHAT DORM LIFE IS LIKE?
OH YES, ESPECIALLY FOR THE BASEBALL TEAM
Breakfast
Help yourself to all-you-can-eat rice and miso soup.
At least...
It fits to stay in the dorm...
SIGH
Aragaki and Onohara Roommates
OOTAKA, LET'S GO TO CLASS TOGETHER.
SURE
SEE YOU IN 30 MINUTES

BIG GUY, DON'T SPACE OUT IN FRONT OF THE DOOR
rub rub
IOKA
VERSITY
Pat Pat
HEY!
ME TOO! ♡
Smile
THAT'S RIGHT.
slide
TAKA, YOU'RE WITH THE ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT, RIGHT?
YOU'RE SO COLD. WE ARE SUPPOSED TO BE DATING...
HON-ESTLY
No thanks.
I'M GOING WITH ARAGAKI AND THE OTHERS
THEN, LET'S GO TO-GETHER!

Don't say it so easily!
THAT...
YOU WERE JOKING, RIGHT?
NO, I MEANT WHAT I SAID!
IF YOU TRY TO QUIT SCHOOL I'LL GO PUBLIC WITH THIS PHOTO!
Mobile Photo
.....
MORINO-SAN, ARE YOU GAY?
NOPE!

What was that long pause for...?
ALL RIGHT!
TIME FOR CLASS.
I'M GOING TO EXCEL AT BOTH STUDIES AND SPORTS
TORIOKA UNIVERSITY
ch
at
cr
WHY ARE YOU ALL WEARING SO LITTLE?
IT'S BECAUSE WE'RE NOT ALLOWED TO WALK OVER THE HILL.
Aren't you cold?
Sorry we didn't tell you earlier.
PLAY BOY

This path is 3 km long
That's 6 km to and from school
WHAT IF IT RAINS?
WE KEEP JOGGING!
But it'll be a pain if it rains.
Tori-Kun's his shirt
WE HAVE TO RUN PART OF THE WAY FROM THE DORM TO THE SCHOOL
Actually, JCS is there.
We'll be sweating, so we'll change when we arrive at school.
ANYONE FOUND WALKING WILL HAVE TO JOG ONE MORE ROUND
Three people have already been punished this way.


I got in through the admission tests.
Tori-Dai doesn't offer any scholarships
So, in this type of school that means every member of its baseball team really loves the sport.
Even though it's part of the University League they never won a game.

I get mad whenever I remember that...
ANNOYED
Do it for me...
I love baseball too
Except...
!
cough
shove
Cross Attack!
CHUN-SENPAI!
JUST NOW, YOU GOT ANNOYED, RIGHT?
I'm all thumbs

Yes!
See ya!
WORK HARD!
yeah!
HEY, CHUN!
We're leaving!

WHY? EVERYONE LIKES HIM. HE'S INCREDIBLY POPULAR.
All right! all right!
Geez.. Don't leave without me.
CHUN-SENPAI IS ALWAYS SO ENERGETIC!
(laugh)
ISN'T HE ANNOYING?

No wonder he didn't think twice about asking me to stay for his sake.

...incredibly popular

First years are to run over the hill
Three rounds!
From captain Chun
wheeze
wheeze
wheeze
If you try to quit school I'll go public with this photo!
Damn it He pisses me off
I'm not going to give in to that level of threatening!

That's 15 km!
BUT ISN'T RUNNING THREE ROUNDS RATHER HARSH?
LOOM
That's because you're too lenient of a vice-captain, so I have to be strict!
HI KIYO-SAN!
IT SEEMS THAT THEY MADE FUN OF CHUN-SAN'S HEIGHT YESTERDAY
Hi
TORIO
Hm hm hm
That's not acceptable
HE'S REALLY SENSITIVE ABOUT HIS HEIGHT
Hi Kiyo-san!
Hey guys!
?
WHY ARE THE FIRST YEARS JOGGING?

wheeze
wheeze
wheeze
Haa...
Haa...
wheeze

clank
clank
Hey!
Hey!
clank

ALL RIGHT, YOU'VE WORKED HARD
FIRST YEARS, GATHER
clap clap
Haaa...
Haaa...
Haaa...
Haaa...
Haaa...
WHY DID I HAVE TO RUN TOO?
TOO
HARSH
AFTER YOU'VE HAD YOUR WATER, GO TO YOUR PLACES AND START PRACTICING.
WATCH WHAT YOU SAY NEXT TIME, OKAY?
We're really very sorry.
Hmph!
新垣
大島

BONES?
BONES!
BONES!
Hey!
Hey!
TAKA,
COME HERE FOR A MINUTE.
COME AND PLAY CATCH WITH HIM!
OKAY!
PLEASED TO MEET YOU!
THIS IS OUR TEAM'S CATCHER, BONES. HE'S A SECOND YEAR

MY FAMILY NAME IS HOSOMI*, SO EVERYONE CALLS ME BONES.
WHAT!? YOU'VE GOT A PROBLEM?
Ha ha.
Hello
ISN'T HE A FATTY
*Hosomi means slender / thin, therefore his nickname is Bones.

THEN WARM UP YOUR SHOULDERS FIRST
STRAIGHT, FASTBALLS, AND CURVE-BALLS...
Ogin! You'll practice catch with him.

TAKA-KUN, WHAT KIND OF PITCHES DO YOU THROW?
Ogin! You just laughed
No, I didn't.

SO HE'S A PITCHER

Slide
CHUN-SAN, YOU WANT TO PRACTICE PITCHING FIRST?
RIGHT!

And a sidewinder.
T
A
M

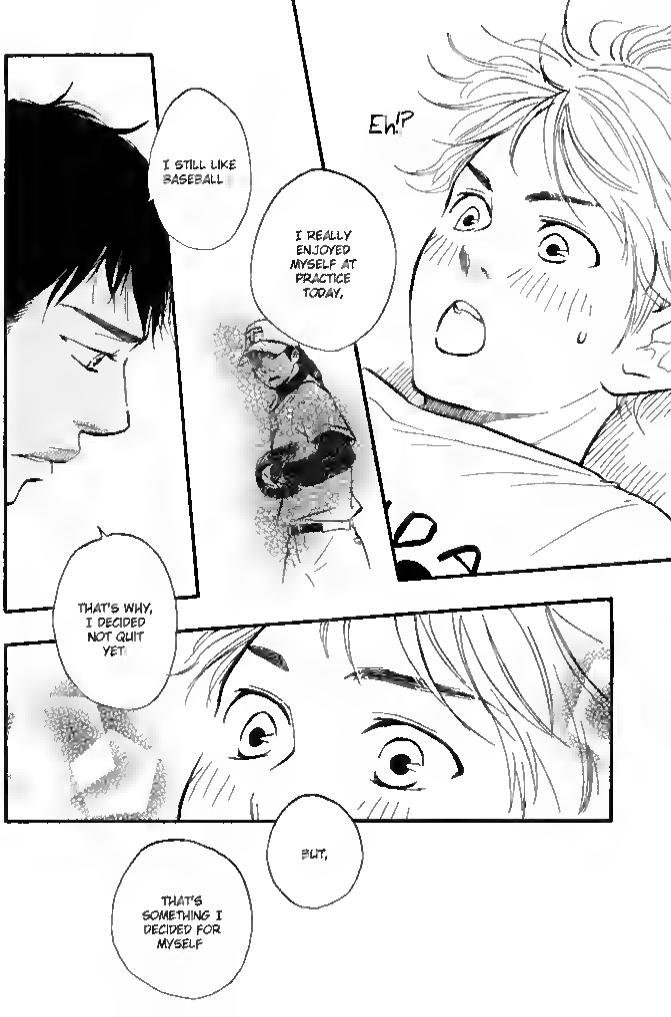
BAM
BAM
I see... He's small and his ball speeds aren't anything special so he relies on ball control
catch
Then just for a month— No even a week
Just try staying here with us

KNOCK
KNOCK
MORINO-SAN,
MAY I COME IN?
YEAH!
SLIDE
WHAT'S UP?
currently stretching.
SLIDE
close
PLEASE DELETE
THAT PICTURE

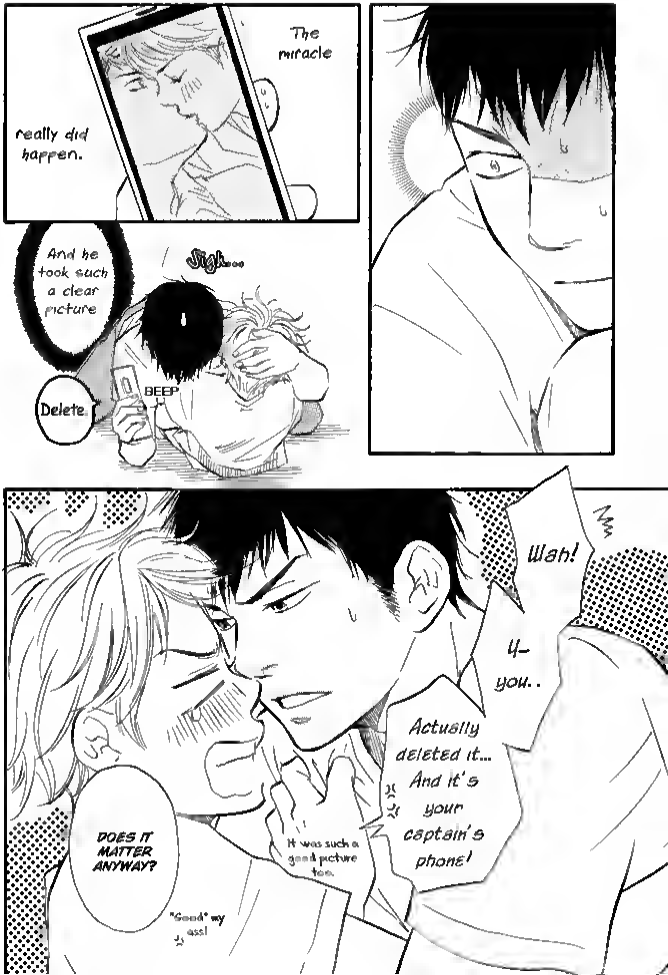
.....
Tch
GRAB
No no. Absolutely not!
!!
Ah!
HEY, MORINO-SAN.
shift
shift
WE'RE NOW DATING, RIGHT?
nod
YE
YEAH
shift

IN THAT CASE, LET ME SEE THE PICTURE
NO
LET ME SEE IT
NO WAY!
shift
shift
shift
MORINO-SAN.
YOU DIDN'T TAKE ANY PICTURE, DID YOU?
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT HOW COULD YOU HAVE TAKEN ANY PICTURE IN THAT POSITION?
YOU DON'T REALLY HAVE ANY PROOF THAT'S WHY YOU WON'T LET ME SEE IT, RIGHT?

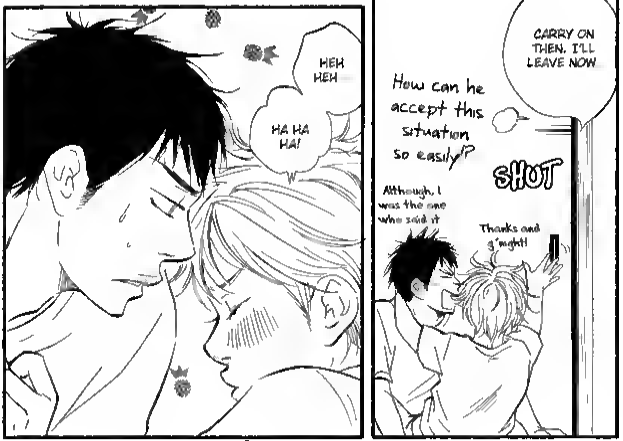
Show it to me!
WAH!
THEN...
twitch
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT
IF I LET YOU SEE IT, YOU'LL TRY TO DELETE IT...
grip
BUT
WITHOUT THE PHOTO...
ANYWAYS, I DON'T PLAN TO QUIT ANYMORE


I STILL LIKE BASEBALL
I REALLY ENJOYED MYSELF AT PRACTICE TODAY.
EH?
THAT'S WHY, I DECIDED NOT QUIT YET.
BUT,
THAT'S SOMETHING I DECIDED FOR MYSELF

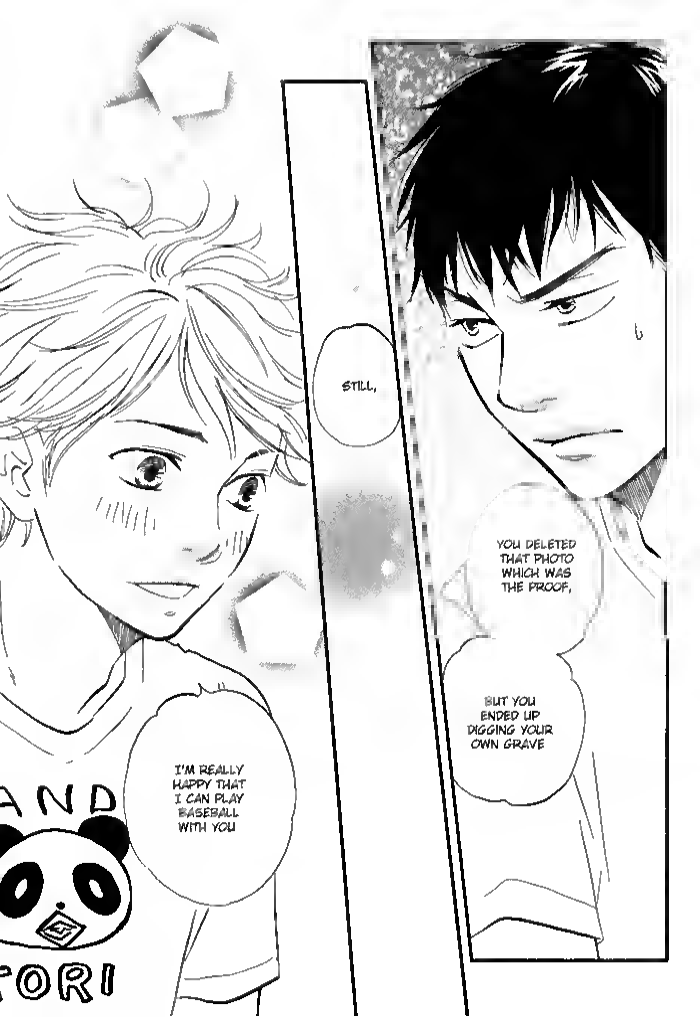
L OOM
THINKING YOU HAVE A HOLD OF MY WEAKNESS IS IRRITATING
EVEN IF IT'S A BADLY TAKEN PHOTO.
thud
thud
thud
Humph!
THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH IT.
Stop it!
Stop it! Stop it!
How dare you! I'm your cap-tain
Sort
What a weird strap
struggle
struggle
struggle
Where's the data folder?
MFMPH MFMPHHH
wheeze
beep beep beep
grab
Got it!
Wsh!


The miracle
really did happen.
And he took such a clear picture
Sigh...
Delete
BEEP
Wah!
U- you..
Actually deleted it... And it's your captain's phone!
It was such a good picture too.
DOES IT MATTER ANYWAY?
"Good" my ass!

slide
AFTER ALL, WE'RE DATING
!!!!!!
EH?
SO YOU GUYS ARE DATING
Since when..?
IT GOT SO NOISY SO I CAME OVER TO SEE WHAT IT WAS


HEH HEH
HA HA HA!
CARRY ON THEN. I'LL LEAVE NOW
How can he accept this situation so easily?
SHOT
Although, I was the one who said it
Thanks and g'night!

Hahaha...
THE TIMING WAS JUST PERFECT
WHAT!?
IT'S NOT A LAUGHING MATTER!
BECAUSE,
You've been misunderstood too, y'know.
PANDA


I'M REALLY HAPPY THAT I CAN PLAY BASEBALL WITH YOU
STILL,
YOU DELETED THAT PHOTO WHICH WAS THE PROOF,
BUT YOU ENDED UP DIGGING YOUR OWN GRAVE

slide
What's with that long pause—?
YEAH
FORI
PLEASE TELL THE VICE-CAPTAIN THAT IT'S ALL JUST A MISUNDERSTANDING
MORINO-SAN, YOU FIND IT AWKWARD TOO, RIGHT?
WELL THEN, GOOD NIGHT

GAME:3

WINDS
BAM

bam
WITH A SPEED LIKE THAT, YOU WOULD DEFINITELY BE AN ACE IN HIGH SCHOOL
TAKA, WHAT'S THE FASTEST SPEED YOU CAN THROW?
140 MPH

bam
bam
THAT'S PRETTY FAST!
YEAH, IT IS!

Taka...
cheer
Thanks to Suzuhara.
Why— Is everyone calling me Taka so casually—
Haa forget it
No how—
But Taka's so technical guy how disappointing
That's true!
It's obvious from Taka's pitching stance

NOT IF HIS SPEED IS INVERSELY PROPORTIONAL TO HIS CONTROL

TAKA SAID HE ONCE HAD TEN FOUL BALLS AND FOUR WALKS
That's pretty bad!
DOUBLE DIGITS?

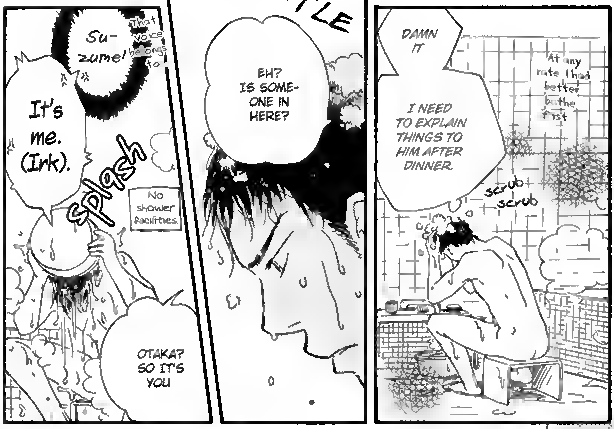
RATTLE
大鹿
OH...
THANKS FOR YOUR HARD WORK
GO AHEAD AND USE THE BATH!

Thank you for your hard work!
See you later!

YOU KNOW, YOU DON'T HAVE TO WAIT FOR SUZU-CHAN TO FINISH BATHING!
WHAT?
YOU TWO CAN ACT AS YOU NORMALLY WOULD IN FRONT OF ME

HAS MORINO-SAN BATHED TOO?
NO HE HASN'T
You can go ahead first!
BUT DON'T WORRY ABOUT HIM HE JUST WENT TO RUN AN ERRAND

T
SHO
GK
Because you two are dating right?
Isn't that what you said?
Whoa!
SURELY NOT TO YOU GUYS GOING "OOH" AND "AHH" AT NIGHT!?
Tsk tsk!
W-Wait...
You haven't heard yet?
No! Listen to me!
WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO HEAR?
cheep
cheep
That Su- zume
Clear out senpai!
I told him to clear up this misunderstanding!

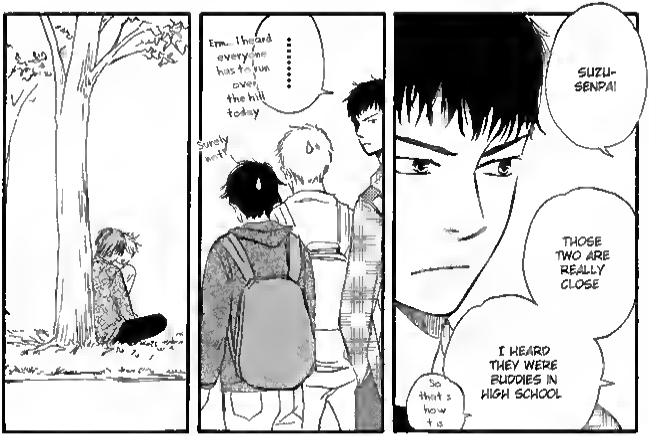

DAMN IT
At any rate I had better do the rest
I NEED TO EXPLAIN THINGS TO HIM AFTER DINNER.
scrub scrub
RATTLE
EH? IS SOME-ONE IN HERE?
Su-zume!
It's me. (Ink).
Splash
No shower facilities.
OTAKA? SO IT'S YOU

Rattle?
EH ?
RATTLE
WOO, YOU'RE ALL SWEATY!
RATTLE

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SCARED ME...
WHY DID YOU YELL LIKE THAT? YOU SCARED ME!
Ouch.
I hit my head
Uuuh!
THUMP
OWW
WHY? IT'S NOT LIKE ANYTHING WILL HAPPEN IF I COME IN
AFTER ALL THE BATH S PRETTY BIG!
YOU HAVE?
EH?
I- I'VE FINISHED WITH THE BATH
RATTLE

Why can't I find any of his weak points?
HEY OTAKA,
YOUR LITTLE BIRD...
Ha ha ha!
IS PRETTY BIG AFTER ALL!
Cheep cheep
Argh
Cheep
Damn it...! Why is it ever since I came to this school...
I've been feeling harassed by this kid?
Cheep
Splash
Wah
This feels good. ♡

THAT FLUFFY HAIR
NEXT TO HIM IS
EH?
SO IT IS
AH,
IT'S THE VICE-CAPTAIN


Erm... I heard everyone has to run over the hill today
.....
Surely not!
SUZU-SENPAI
THOSE TWO ARE REALLY CLOSE
I HEARD THEY WERE BUDDIES IN HIGH SCHOOL
So that's how it is

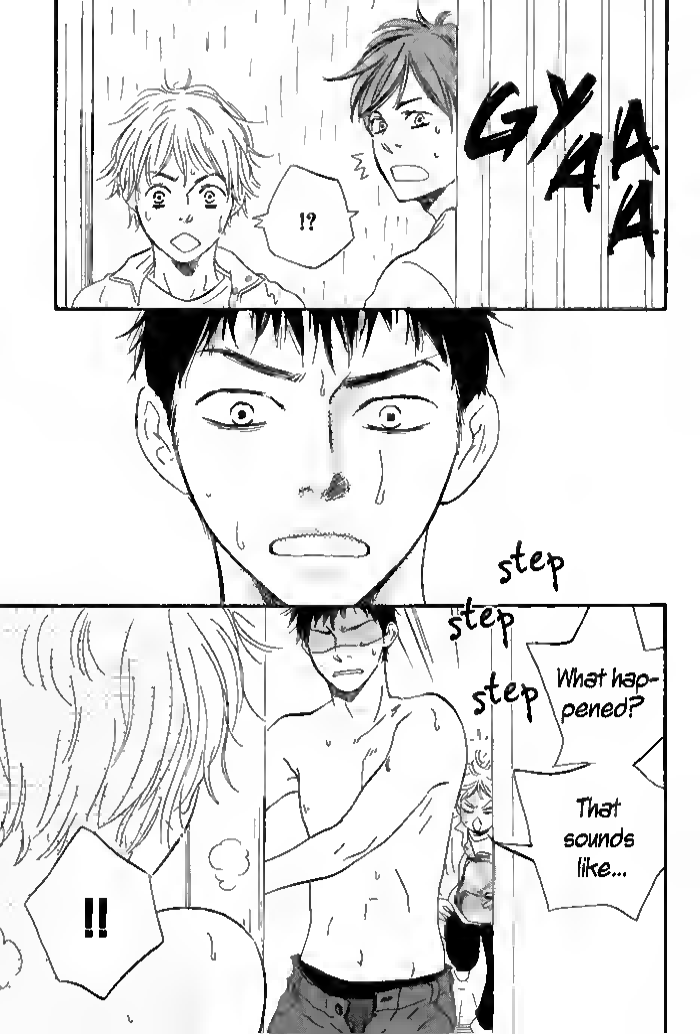
What the ?

I was the only one who saw it
They just... Kissed...
Didn't they?
They were definitely kissing just now.
Otaka
Come on
...Have I finally got hold of his...
Weak point?

BUT...
Irk
WHY DO I FEEL SO
drip
drip
drip
RUSHHH
Splash
WAH
Splash
Splash
DAMN IT!
DO WE STILL HAVE TO PRACTICE TODAY?
Splash
The baseball players always carry raincoats with them.

RUSH
Yeah, SEE YOU OTAKA!
I DON'T THINK SO LET'S HAVE A BATH FIRST
It's so cold
Because you two are dating right?
Then go out with me!
RUSHHH
RATTLE
!?
drip drip
RATTLE
So those two were making a fool of me

SOMEONE'S BATHING— IS IT THE VICE-CAPTAIN? OR...
BEING THIS WET IS PRETTY UNCOMFORTABLE
BETTER THROW MY CLOTHES TO WASH FIRST
IF IT'S SUZUME IT SHOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM AFTER ALL HE ENTERED WITHOUT PERMISSION LAST TIME
IF HE GETS MAD WITH ME, I'LL GIVE HIM A PIECE OF MY MIND TOO
RUSHHH
WAH!
IT'S SO COLD!
HIKO!
CHUN, YOU'RE BACK?
Usami Kyouhiko nickname Hiko
THANKS FOR DOING THAT!
I WENT TO TELL EVERYONE THAT OUTDOOR PRACTICE IS CANCELLED TODAY
CHUCKLE
to wait for instructions


GYAAAA
!?
step
step
step
What happened?
That sounds like...
!!

Suzume-chan!
Who's this!? He's a pervert!
Tsu-gumi!?
!!!
There are two of them?
Because Hiko...
HIKO...
Girls aren't allowed here!
It's not his fault!
WELL... IT DIDN'T SEEM FAIR THAT YOU TWO WERE GETTING ALL THE ACTION, SO I THOUGHT TWO ON TWO...
Ah ha ha
This is such a mess I don't even know where to start..

# GAME:4

SFX: WAHHH
うぇーーん
You idiot!
Suzu-chan...
EVEN IF YOU'RE FAMILY, GIRLS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO STAY OVERNIGHT
HIKO YOUR PUNISHMENT IS TO GO JOGGING TOMORROW
YOU'RE NOT SERIOUS?
Don't be so melo dramatic
But I'm the one in charge of him!
Tsk you saw through me
HIROKA
chatter
chatter
chatter
YOU'RE SO MEAN TO MAKE ME GO HOME NOW
hic
hic
IT'S ALREADY DARK OUT
What if I'll be stopped from my way
WHAT IF YOUR CUTE LITTLE SISTER RUNS INTO DANGER!?

BUT I'M THE BIGGEST VICTIM HERE!
I hate the rumors
YES SIR...
Ugh
Hiko's cute
SINCE YOU BROUGHT HER HERE, YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR SEEING HER HOME LATER
IT DOESN'T MATTER. AS LONG AS YOU BREAK THE RULES YOU'LL BE PUNISHED
What's going on?
Uh...
This big lump here saw my boobs and everything below!
WHAT!?
IT'S NOT AS THOUGH OTAKA MEANT TO LOOK AT YOU!
Sister-complex-ware.

Why has it become my fault?
You imagined it
Says who? He was grinning away!
And now the entire baseball team knows!
You saw her naked body!!
All of it!?
Her boobs?
And everything below?
As a result
That girl's so cute!
Suzuki-chan's sister has big boobs!
They're huge
Yeah!
Okaka descends it for us!
I really envy the vice-captain!
Everyone's imagination running wild.
chatter
chatter
chatter
The fact that the vice-captain brought a girl in was forgotten
And the fact that I saw a naked girl became the hot topic

IT LOOKS LIKE I SHOULDN'T STAY HERE AFTER ALL.
Did I make the wrong choice?
Was only ← allowed to leave at ten o'clock.
A twin sister, huh...

Was his sister
So the person I saw earlier today
I'M RELIEVED?
BUT HOW COME? WHY?
step
step
gasp

HONESTLY, YOU DON'T EVEN REACT WHEN I BUMP INTO YOU!
No fun at all.
……
MORINO-SAN
BAM
!!
Ehp
DO YOU NEED SOME-THING?
NOTHING MUCH…
JUST NOW…
WHAT?
I'M SORRY MY SISTER CAUSED YOU TROUBLE…
And Hiko
OH THAT… DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT!
The first meeting was the real headache.

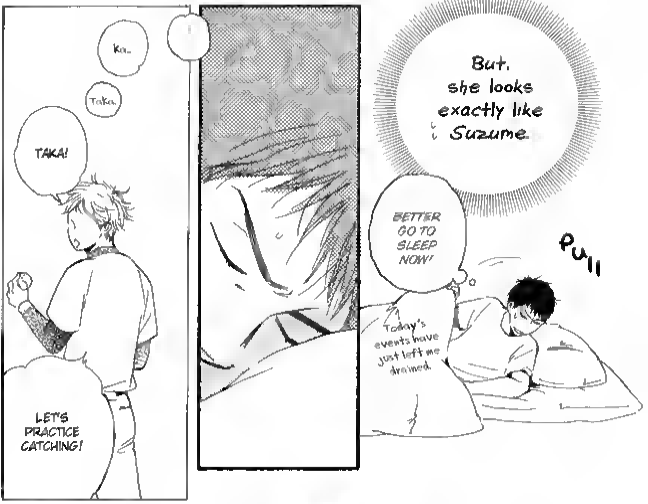
DID YOU COME OUT HERE JUST TO SAY THIS?
.....
WELL, I'M HER BROTHER SO IT'S HARD FOR ME WHEN SHE MISBE-HAVES
YOU MUST FIND US PRETTY DIFFERENT, DON'T YOU?
Hehe
No
I THINK YOU'RE REALLY ALIKE
shock
YOU DO?
BECAUSE I THOUGHT IT WAS
Ah.
NO... NOTHING
WHAT?
?
ACTUALLY, I COULD TELL HIM ABOUT IT, BUT—
I just don't want to.
OTAKA

BECAUSE,
EVERYONE SEEMS TO LIKE GIRLS WITH BIG BOOBS
Mimo likes them too.
WHY ARE YOU ASKING ME THIS?
WHAT?
DO YOU LIKE BIG BOOBS TOO?
I...
ACTUALLY, I DON'T REALLY LIKE THEM TOO BIG
OH, I SEE!
WHY ARE YOU ASKING ME THIS?
This is suddenly pissing me off
turn
All right time for bed.
NOTHING REALLY

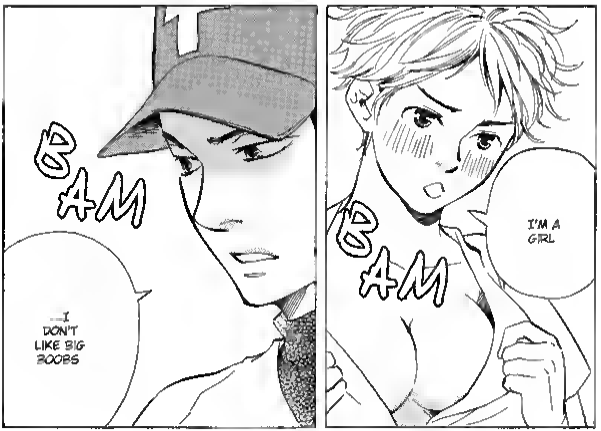
WELL THEN, GOODNIGHT.
PAT PAT
TORIOKA UNIVERSITY
stroke stroke
TORIOKA UNIVERSITY
I've noticed that he likes to pat and touch me and sometimes it's intentional.
Is this some habit of his?

The thing is, now there's a female version of Suzume.
AND I FIND
IT WOULD DEFINITELY GIVE A GUY THE WRONG IDEA.
IF A GIRL DID SUCH THINGS,
rustle

Self-censored
Right now the only thing he remembers is the naked body
GASP
THAT TYPE QUITE APPEALING


Ka...
Taka...
TAKA!
LET'S PRACTICE CATCHING!
But, she looks exactly like Suzume.
BETTER GO TO SLEEP NOW!
Today's events have just left me drained.
Pull

BEFORE THAT, I WANT TO TELL YOU A SECRET.
SECRET?
YES
THE TRUTH IS...


BAM
I DON'T LIKE BIG BOOBS
BAM
I'M A GIRL

I M SORRY
You... You don't have to apologize
YOU...
YOU DON'T?

I SEE
SO THAT'S HOW IT IS

THEN, YOU MUST PREFER ME THIS WAY!
BAM
!!!
Hey!
Taka
Taka
...ka

TAKA.
WAKE UP!
IT'S MORNING.
GOOD MORNING
ARE YOU OKAY?
YOU'RE SWEATING
Er
What?

What a nightmare.
Mornin' Chun!
Morn'n !
RIOKA
VERSITY
IOKA
UNIVERSITY
TAKA, WHAT'S WRONG?
YOU LOOK TIRED
IDIOT. USE YOUR HEAD!
AFTER GETTING AN EYEFUL YESTERDAY, OF COURSE HE HAD TO HAVE A PARTY LAST NIGHT!
DAMN IT.
I WISH I HAD SEEN THEM TOO.
I wanna hold a F cup Forty A!!

I didn't do anything but why do I feel so guilty?
You even look different, Taka.
Hey. So Taka did you have enough tissues handy last night?
pop
I'll lend you my DVDs tomorrow!
Chun-san the vice-captain's just collapsed
What?! He's so useless.
DEAD
PANT
PANT
PANT

LET ME ANNOUNCE THE ONES WHO'LL START TOMORROW
OKAY, WELL...
KAMAKURA WILL START...
TANABE, LEADOFF AND SECOND BASE.
SUGIURA, SECOND BATTER, RIGHT CORNER OUTFIELDER.
KONAMI, CLEANUP HITTER, FIRST BASE
HINAMORI, THIRD BATTER AND SHORTSTOP
SONODA, FIFTH BATTER, DESIGNATED BATTER.
HOSOMI, EIGHTH BATTER AND CATCHER
NAKAMURA, LAST BATTER LEFT FIELDER
THAT'S IT.
UKAWA, SIXTH BATTER, THIRD BASE.
USAMI, SEVENTH BATTER, CENTRE FIELDER.

EXCEPT WE DON'T GET A CHANCE TO PLAY...
SUMMER BASEBALL'S FINALLY GOING TO START

hustle
hustle

OUR SCHOOL WAS A LOT BETTER IN THE PAST...
HUH?
what was that?
They were really good in Grandpa's time

Toraoka's baseball team
Third years 9 members
Second years 10 members
First years 11 members
25 bench players + one score keeper
WELL, WE CAN STILL BE RESERVES
Ah.
YEAH
OH WELL. OUR SCHOOL'S NOT EXACTLY FAMOUS FOR PRODUCING BASEBALL PLAYERS!
softly
BUT...

SULK
WE REALLY TRIED OUR HARDEST, BUT IT STILL ENDED UP THIS WAY...
WE DON'T LIKE LOSING EITHER!
IT'S JUST THAT IN RECENT YEARS, IT'S HAD A POOR SHOWING IN LEAGUE MATCHES
Ah...
TORIOKA
They actually got away!
Ah!
We still have to get up early tomorrow!
Let's go!
Goodnight!
DASH
IT'S OKAY. AFTER ALL IT'S TRUE THAT WE'RE BOTTOM OF THE LEAGUE
THAT
I'M SORRY...

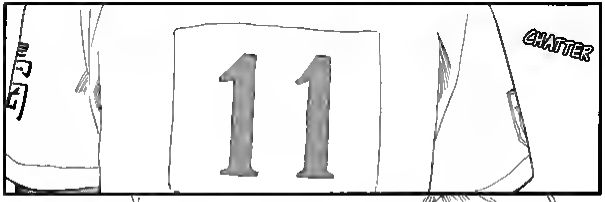
NO I SHOULD APOLOGIZE
WHY DON'T YOU PUNCH ME?
I don't want to feel even more guilty towards Suzume
Frankly... After that dream I had yesterday
IT'S DEFINITELY NOT OKAY
YOU'RE OBVIOUSLY OFFENDED
BEND DOWN THEN
I CAN PUNCH YOU?
I SEE
What the hell am I doing—?

Wh-
SNAP
I ASKED YOU TO PUNCH ME—
What!?
HEHEHE,
I GOT THE DELETED PICTURE BACK!
Yes and it's a really clear picture too!
WELL, IF I CAN PUNCH YOU, I CAN ALSO KISS YOU RIGHT?
Hehehe

rattle
Well, time for bed!
What the hell!?
What kind of logic is that? You're saying punching and kissing someone aren't the same...
Why do I feel like he's just made a pass at me...
WORK HARD TOMORROW!
grin

The supervisor and I are going over to say hi
Toriokas #1 supervisor
HIKO PLEASE TAKE OVER FOR A WHILE
CHATTER
OKAY
CHATTER
CHATTER
OKA
AH... RIGHT
OTAKA, PLEASE GO WITH CHUN
CHATTER
What?
CHATTER
TORIOKA
TORIOKA

PROTECT?
HUH?
GO AND PROTECT CHUN
WHAT DID YOU SAY VICE-CAPTAIN?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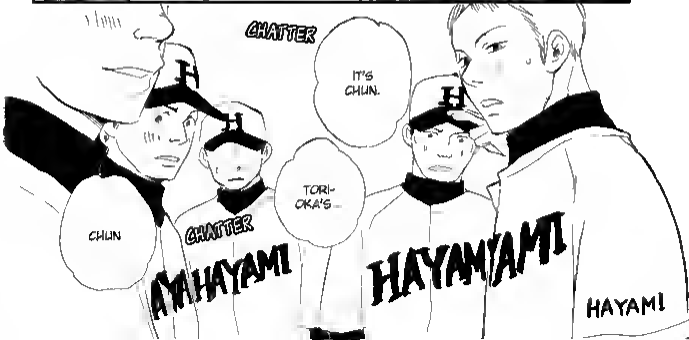
CHATTER
IT'S CHUN.
CHUN
CHATTER
TORI-OKA'S...
HAYAMI
HAYAMIYAMI
HAYAMI

Why are these disgusting burly guys all blushing and simpering?
It's been a while!
H. Chun!
Isn't this a bit too much?
He's as popular in the baseball federation as he is at school?
I admit that he stands out in our group.
Honestly, I find him pretty attractive myself, but...
You're still as popular as ever, Chun-kun!
That's what actually took his photo!
Eh!? I don't think so!
TORIOKA

AND YOU'RE AS SMALL AS EVER.
YOU'VE GROWN TALLER AGAIN?
OH HAYABUSA, LET'S PLAY WELL TODAY
POUND
TORIOKA
He's a guy.
Hi Chun! ♡
He's a third year, but I hear he's already a reserve player in the draft picks
HAYAMI
I RECOGNIZE THIS GUY
He's a university student? He looks middle aged
TORI O
KAIJI THE CLEANUP HITTER FROM THE WELL-KNOWN SCHOOL HAYAMI
AMI

ANYWAY, CHUN, LET'S GRAB A BITE AFTER THE GAME TODAY!
ARE YOU KIDDING!? DO YOU REALIZE I'M YOUR OPPONENT?
Don't look down on me!
Hahaha done t be mad now Chun
WHO'S THIS BEAN-STALK GLARING AT ME?
He's really tall!
Bean-stalk?
HE'S NOT GLARING AT YOU. THAT'S JUST HOW HE LOOKS AT PEOPLE NORMALLY.
HE'S OOTAKA, A FIRST YEAR.
OH YEAH?
HAYAMI
5
MORINO-SAN,
IT'S ABOUT TIME WE HEADED BACK
But that look in his eyes says otherwise
This guy...
HAYAMI
Likes to act as if he doesn't care about winning or losing.

IT'S NOT A GOOD IDEA TO BE TOO FRIENDLY WITH YOUR OPPONENTS IT COULD CAUSE YOU TO LOSE A GAME YOU COULD EASILY WIN!
grab
RIOKA
TORIOKA
WELL ARE YOU SURE IT'LL BE A WALKOVER FOR YOUR SIDE?
WHAT?
DID I HEAR RIGHT... DID YOU JUST SAY TORIOKA COULD BEAT US?

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The match ended early

In the first skirmish of summer baseball...

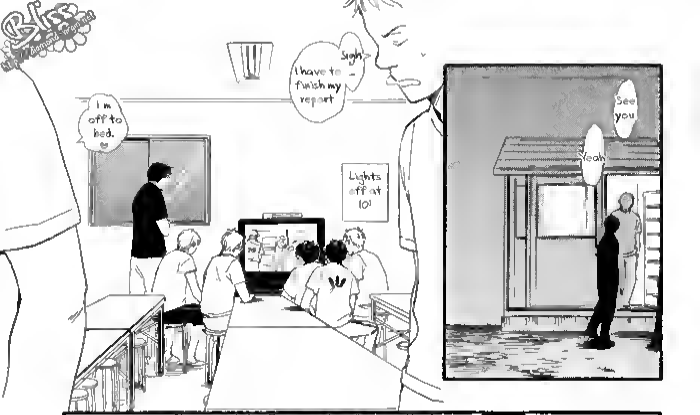
Torioka suffered a crushing defeat...

I'M SORRY...
Chun's room
I didn't expect things to turn out the way they did
IT'S OKAY
I WON'T TELL ANYONE ABOUT YOU CHALLENGING HAYABUSA.
thump
BUT THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME I SAW HIM PUT SO MUCH EFFORT INTO HIS GAME!
I LEARNED A LOT TODAY, THANKS TO YOU

Why did my heart
Skip a beat just now?

GAME:5

The spring tournament
in which we first years don't feature at all...
Even though we've all become bench players.
In the end, Tonioka lost every match it played, ending the season with a last-place finish.



excited
SAYAMA MANAGED TO HIT THE VERY FIRST PITCH!
Ah~
HE HIT IT!
NEW WAVE
The first years have to clean up!
whoa
IT'S THEIR TURN TO BAT AS THEY GO INTO THE NINTH INNING TRAILING BY TWO POINTS
whoa
THE BATTER IS NUMBER 1, SAYAMA

YOKOHAMA VS TOKYO, HUH? WHICH TEAM DO YOU SUPPORT, TAKA?
I'M FROM NAGOYA, SO I SUPPORT THE AICHI DRAGONS*
whoa
whoa
Taka, do a contact pass!
No outs, first and second bases safe

*The real life baseball teams this manga refers to have had their names altered by the mangaka likely on purpose.
e.g. Aichi Dragons - Chunichi Dragons
Yokohama Stars - Yokohama BayStars

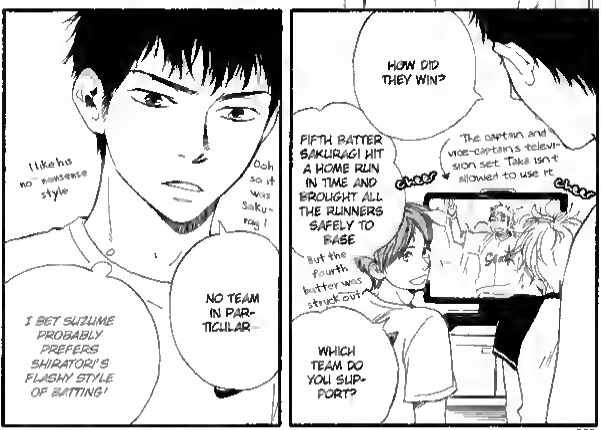
whoa
NEXT UP,
IS THIRD BATTER SHIKATORI REIICHI, THE CURRENT TOP BATTER!
whoa
MY HOME'S IN KAWASAKI SO I OFTEN FOLLOW THE YOKOHAMA GAMES.
WELL, NOW IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE GOING TO TURN THINGS AROUND WITH A HOME RUN!
Two batters are up no outs with runners on the first and second bases
whoa
SHIRA-TORI?
HERE COMES THE NUMBER ONE INFA-MOUS BATTER
This guy never misses!

*The Houston Astros a Major League Baseball team based in Houston, Texas

AH... IT'S AN INTENTIONAL FOUR BALLS AT THE END* THAT'S REALLY LOOKING DOWN ON THE FOURTH AND FIFTH BATTERS!
HE'S NOT GOING TO LET SHIRATORI BAT.
LOOK AT THAT. THE PITCHER'S NOT THROWING ANY GOOD PITCHES
*Four balls - a walk, intentional walks are a strategic defensive move to bypass a batter of the opposing team.
whoa
THE ASTROS* ARE DEFINITELY GOING TO LOSE.
thud
WHY?
Ball!
THEY'RE AHEAD BY TWO POINTS SO THEY MAY WALK HIM!

BUT THANKS TO SHIRATORI REIICHI, I DON'T FOLLOW THEM ANYMORE
I hate that guy
rattle
You do? But isn't he a star player?
I'VE ALWAYS LIKED AND SUPPORTED THEM, EVEN AS A KID!
We're leaving first
Okay!
HUH?
LET'S GO BACK SINCE WE'RE DONE HERE!
DON'T YOU WANT TO WATCH THE GAME?
YOKOHAMA STARS LOOK LIKE THEY MAY JUST BE TURNING THE GAME AROUND!

OH,
THANKS FOR YOUR HARD WORK!
Ah!
And in style time!
SO THEY WON IN THE END?
SUZUME IS A YOKO-HAMA FAN?
THE YOKO-HAMA STARS HAVE JUST SCORED A HOME RUN TO WIN THE GAME!
WOW!
THEY DID IT


I like his no-nonsense style
Ooh so it was Saku-ray!
I BET SUZUME PROBABLY PREFERS SHIRATORI'S FLASHY STYLE OF BATTING!
NO TEAM IN PAR-TICULAR
HOW DID THEY WIN?
FIFTH BATTER SAKURAGI HIT A HOME RUN IN TIME AND BROUGHT ALL THE RUNNERS SAFELY TO BASE
But the fourth batter was struck out
The captain and vice-captain's televi-sion set. Take isn't allowed to use it.
GLARE
GLARE
WHICH TEAM DO YOU SUP-PORT?

IS MORINO-SAN A DIE-HARD YOKOHAMA FAN?
NO
IT'S JUST THAT HE WORSHIPS SAKURAGI. HE'S ACTUALLY A DRAGONS FAN!
excited
To be honest...I wasn't confident at all.
WHAT ABOUT YOU, VICE-CAPTAIN?
I'M A DIE-HARD DRAGONS FAN
Quiet!
cheer
THEY'RE GOING TO INTERVIEW THE HERO! ♡
Here comes Sakuragi-senshu*!
Star
*The honorific used for athletes
rustle
WHAT'S THIS—
SHIRATORI'S SHIRT?
The one cheer leaders use?
THAT'S THE ANNUAL TRIBUTE!
That's surprising—
!?
SHIRATORI
1

TRIBUTE?
SHIRATORI
1
YOU CAN HAVE IT IF YOU WANT
THIS IS-
THE REAL THING...?
ALL THESE THINGS
ARE TAKING UP TOO MUCH SPACE!
My room's turning into a warehouse
THAT IDIOT!

Good night
Slide
ARE THEY FRIENDS?
CHILDHOOD FRIENDS. I HEAR THEY'VE BEEN NEIGHBORS SINCE THEY WERE BABIES
I see
But isn't he rather heartless?
RA
TTLE
TAKE YOUR TIME CHOOSING WHATEVER YOU LIKE
These would fetch a really high price auction side, huh?
This is the Golden Glove he won in the second year
The first ball that gave him a Grand Slam

HEY!
ARAGAKI, OOSHIMA, OOTAKA!
ARE YOU GUYS FREE TONIGHT?
GROUP DATE?
DO YOU WANT TO JOIN THE TENNIS CLUB GIRLS AND A FEW OF US ON A GROUP DATE? WE STILL NEED THREE PEOPLE
What?
AH!
IDIOT! THESE THREE ARE FROM THE BASEBALL CLUB!
PIKE
REALLY? THE BASEBALL CLUB?
THEN I'LL LOOK FOR ANOTHER THREE, SORRY!

IT'S NOT LIKE I'M DYING TO JOIN A GROUP DATE. BUT—
Stop drooling at the couples.
HOW COULD THEY?! THEY DIDN'T EVEN GIVE US A CHANCE TO ANSWER!
SO WHAT IF WE'RE FROM THE BASEBALL CLUB?
SPEAKING OF, WE'VE BEEN AT UNIVERSITY FOR TWO MONTHS,
BUT WE DON'T SEEM TO HAVE MUCH OF A SOCIAL LIFE—
THIS IS THE FIRST WEEKEND I HAVE ALL TO MYSELF.
AND YET I'VE GOT NO PLANS AT ALL.
Don't w worry on ther us—
gob

Why isn't anyone from the baseball club invited to dating parties?
That's simple
Because we're the border tribe.
BOR...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY "BORDER TRIBE" GARI-SENPAI?
EXACTLY WHAT IT SAYS...
OUR DORM'S BEHIND A HILL, SO EVERYONE CALLS US THE BORDER TRIBE.
RIOKA
EVEN IF WE GO ON GROUP DATES,
WE STILL HAVE TO WALK BACK ALONG A PITCH-DARK ROAD WITHOUT A SINGLE STREET LAMP YOU KNOW HOW SCARY THAT IS?
Not to mention our 10 p.m. curfew
The fright is enough to scare anyone up.
AND EVEN IF BY SOME AMAZING STROKE OF LUCK, SOME GIRL SAYS "TAKE ME HOME" TO US... ♡
JUST THINK ABOUT IT... WHERE ARE WE GOING TO TAKE HER? ASK HER TO TREK UP THE HILL WITH US? EVERYONE KNOWS THIS SO THEY WON'T INVITE THE BASEBALL PLAYERS TO GROUP DATES

YOU LOT!
DON'T JUST MOVE YOUR MOUTHS, WARM UP THE REST OF YOUR BODIES!
Oh shut up You're only saying that because you've got a girlfriend with huge boobs!
Why did you have to mention that of all things? Kiyo-sawaaan
Well, you can't blame your lack of a love life entirely on the baseball team!
WHY NOT JUST GO TO THE GIRL'S DORM INSTEAD?
twitch

GOOD WORK CHUN-SAN!
AH, YOU TOO.
slide
鳥木野球部

Morino Suzume-Sama
!
Are you sure? He got a similar package last time
It's probably his porno DVDs.
SO DAMN HOT
AH
WE HAVE MAIL?
YEAH!
This is for Oshi Kun
TICKETS TO THE GAME AGAIN?
Gasp
HOW VERY THOUGHTFUL OF SHIRATORI-SAN

To Chan-kun, I really want to see you too, so make sure you come!
Sakuragi Isao
Blush

A personal note from Sakuragi-senshu ♡
Oooh!
Is he really that desperate for once to attend the match
SHIRATORI-SAN... YOU REALLY HAVE NO PRIDE LEFT, HUH?

BUT, THERE ARE TWO TICKETS
OH, BEFORE I FORGET TSUGUMI AND I ARE GOING ON AN ONSEN TRIP THIS WEEKEND! ♡
slide

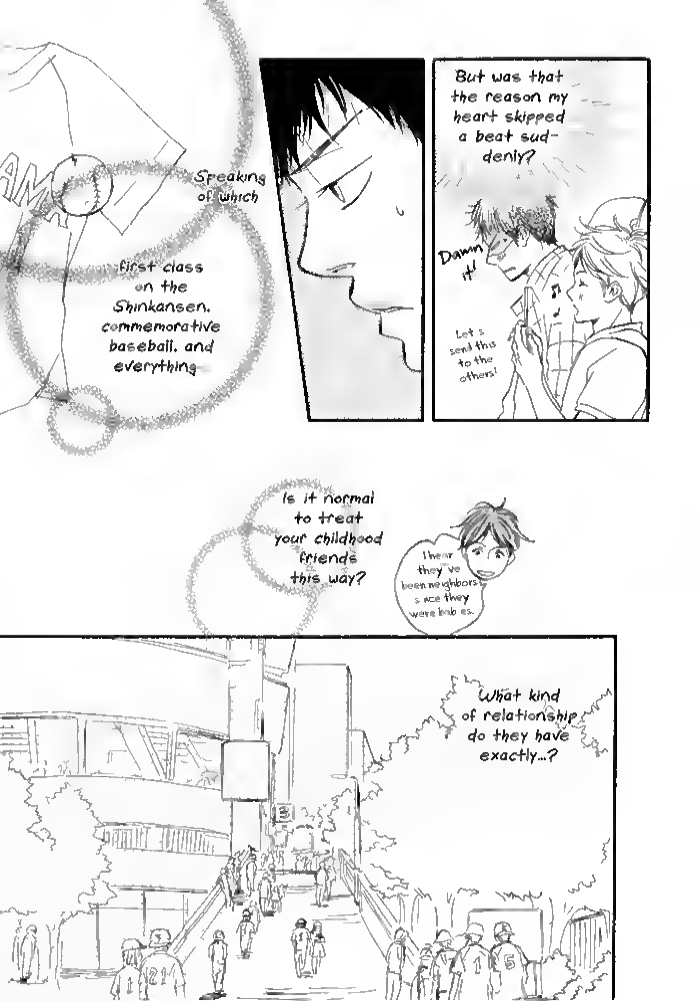
I'm going to be the
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
JUST ACCEPT THEM. WON'T YOU BE RE-JECTING HIM FOR THE UMP-TEENTH TIME IF YOU DON'T?

?
You're here?
OH
SORRY.
Do I have something on my face?
大鷹

HEY, TAKA!
Look look!
LET'S CATCH A GAME THIS WEEKEND!
YOKOHAMA STARS VERSUS THE AICHI DRAGONS
THANKS FOR ASKING BUT I WOULD RATHER REST THIS WEEKEND.
OH COME ON, LET'S GO TOGETHER!
THE GAME IS ON A SATURDAY NIGHT
WE WON'T BE ABLE TO MAKE IT BACK AFTER
SO WE'LL JUST SPEND THE NIGHT IN YOKOHAMA!

I CAN'T STAND SHIRATORI AND I REFUSE TO CHEER THAT UTILITY PLAYER AND LADIES' MAN.
YOU'D BETTER ASK SOMEONE ELSE
slide
SHIRATORI REIICHI
You won't have to spend a cent!
EVERYTHING IS BEING SPONSORED
BY WHOM?
YOU'RE SO PREJUDICED
YES I AM
SO YOU'D BETTER GO WITH SOMEONE ELSE!
NO!
I WANT TO GO WITH YOU.
thump

rumble
Strange
WOW!
LOOK, IT'S MOUNT FUJI!
Why did I agree to come in the end?
I don't know what he intended when he said that.
Saved
"I want to go with you."
AT THE TIME I JUST COULDN'T REFUSE HIM
A picture, a picture!
click


Speaking of which
first class on the Shinkansen, commemorative baseball, and everything
But was that the reason my heart skipped a beat suddenly?
Damn it!
Let's send this to the others!
Is it normal to treat your childhood friends this way?
I hear they've been neighbors since they were babies.
What kind of relationship do they have exactly...?

Kyaaa♥
Shiratori-kuuun! ♡
please sign this for me!
Kyaaa♥
Rei-sama! ♡
Rei-sama LOVE
Kyaaa♥
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SAKURAGI-SAN
RELAX. THIS ISN'T LIKE YOU AT ALL, PRETTY BOY!
grrr grrr
Kyaaa♥
Oh my god, Rei-san's sighing ♡
Sigh
Kyaaa♥
Kyaa
Kyaa
Kyaaa♥
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I HAVEN'T SEEN CHUN FOR FIVE MONTHS. OF COURSE I'M A LITTLE TENSE.
only saw him once while I went home during the New Year's
He he he
YOU OWE ME ONE
HE MUST HAVE BEEN PRETTY HAPPY TO GET MY PERSONAL NOTE. EH?
1
For Saku ring, saku, I'm cheering for the game!
(Yoshi)
You usually send no crap, but... were you really happy to get it, eh?
Cmp ?
THAT NOTE
WAS COMPLETELY USELESS...
Eh? Really? Tch
There he is!
Over here, over here!
turn
10
Chu-

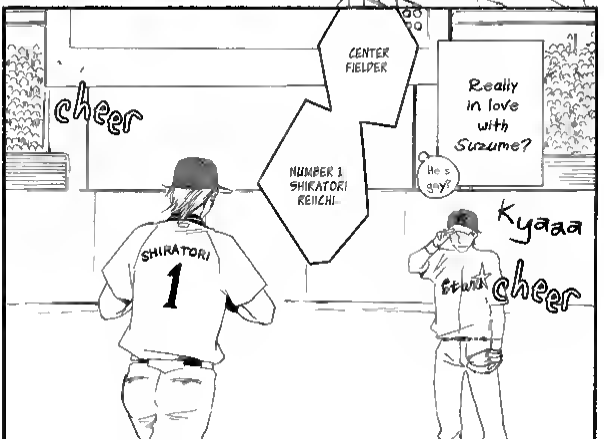
Sakuragi-senshu!
SAKURAGI 10
Please sign this for me!
NPB
OH!
HE CAME
Yeah
Long time no see!
Chun-kun, so you
SAKURAGI 10
10

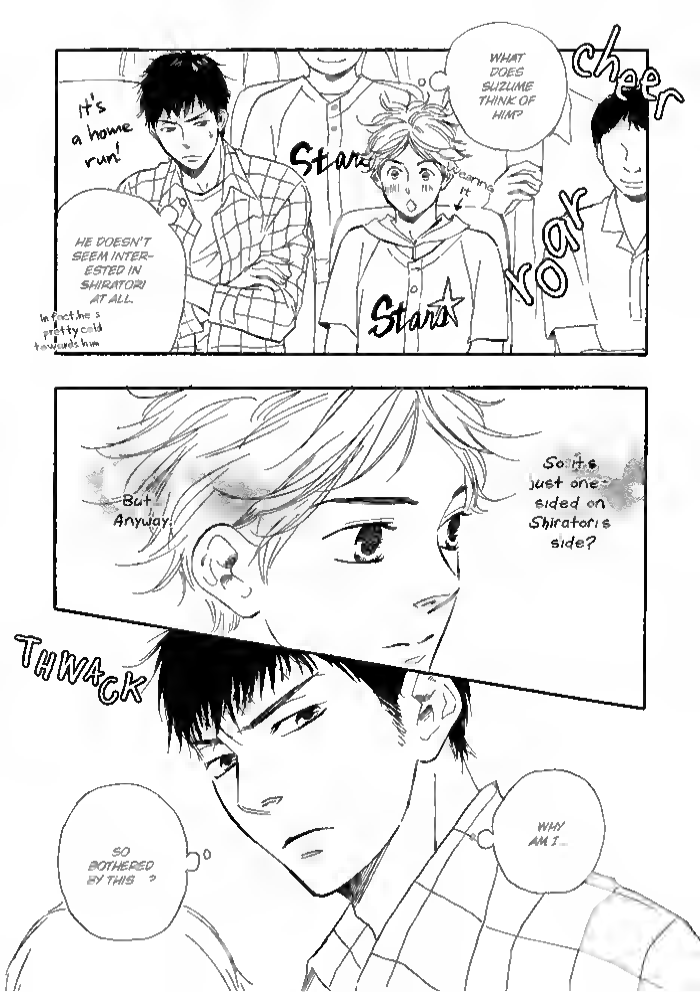
GASP
Jolt
Hang on!
Ah, he came back to life!
Chun!
Who's that?

...IS HE REALLY JUST YOUR KOUHAI?

Is this guy...

OOTAKA DAISUKE, A FIRST YEAR ON OUR BASEBALL TEAM. THERE WERE TWO TICKETS SO I ASKED HIM TO COME ALONG.
BUT TSUGUMI DOESN'T CARE FOR BASEBALL!
Hello.
THE OTHER TICKET WAS MEANT FOR TSUGUMI I WANTED YOU TWINS TO COME!


cheer
CENTER FIELDER
NUMBER 1 SHIRATORI REIICHI
Really in love with Suzume?
He's gay?
Kyaaa
Cheer
SHIRATORI
1


It's a home run!
HE DOESN'T SEEM INTERESTED IN SHIRATORI AT ALL.
In fact he's pretty cold towards him
Stars
Stars
Stars
WHAT DOES SUZUME THINK OF HIM?
cheer
roar
So it's just one-sided on Shiratori's side?
But Anyway
THWACK
SO BOTHERED BY THIS ?
WHY AM I...

WHAM
grab
Huh?
Watch out, Taka!
Quit spacing out!
chatter
chatter
WHOA
PLEASE BE CAREFUL OF FOUL BALLS!
1
I was thinking about something else
SORRY
Did he deliberately bat that ball in my direction?
...No way.
The way he's looking at us. More like glaring at us
glare
Did Shiratori hit that?
Now if looks could kill
Sta

Home run!
Sky road
If he did, he's a damn genius
PING
dash
dash
Nice bat, twig, Shiratori
Amaz, why so small?
HE MAY BE ANNOYING AND ALL,
BUT HE IS A DAMN GOOD BASEBALL PLAYER...
SHIRATORI
1
AJO

Can he handle beer? He doesn't look the type
I DEDICATE TODAY'S HOME RUN TO YOU!
CHEERS!
THE DRAGONS LOST BECAUSE OF THAT HOME RUN
HERE CHUN! ♡
Oolong tea
Score
1 - 0
Beer

AFTER DINNER, CHUN AND I ARE GOING TO CATCH UP ON OLD TIMES
OOTAKA-KUN, RIGHT?
gulp gulp
YOU CAN GO BACK FIRST TO THE HOTEL I BOOKED AND GET SOME REST
Dinner's on me

HA HA!
TOO BAD FOR THEM, I'M JUST THAT GOOD.
OH YES

phew
clink
clink
Excuse me here's your order of wagyu beef
WHAT ABOUT SU MORINO-SAN?
CHUN'S GOING TO SPEND THE NIGHT AT MY PLACE, SO DON'T YOU WORRY
SO SHIRA-TORI S NOT THE ONLY ONE IN LOVE HERE?
SPEND THE NIGHT?
Impossible...
I don't believe it
COULD IT BE THAT YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT "THAT"?
AH

DON'T WORRY
BOTH OUR PARENTS ALSO APPROVE OF IT
CHUN AND I HAVE ALREADY PROGRESSED TO *THAT* STAGE

.....
THAT'S NOT TRUE

!!
Approve of what?

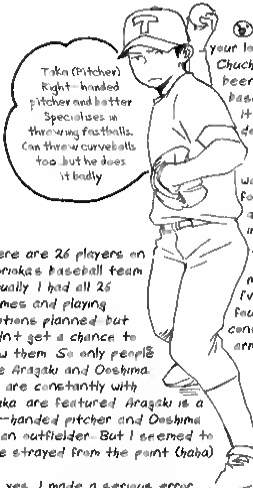
Nothing happened!
THAT NIGHT WE-
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, CHUN?
I'M STILL A VIRGIN, Y'KNOW!
Mumble
That was just wishful thinking on your part! I didn't agree to nothin'!
Gyaaa
DIDN'T WE AGREE TO BUILD A BEAUTIFUL FUTURE TOGETHER?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
Gyaaa!
Wobble
clatter
what?
'COURSE I'M NOT DRUNK!
MORINO-SAN
DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE DRUNK ALREADY?

THUD
tvip
LOOK OUT...
HUH?
TAKAAA! YOU'RE TOUCHING MY NIPPLES...!
You bastard!
STOP TOUCHING HIS NIPPLES!
And what do you mean "nipples"? It's just your chest!
IT'S NOT LIKE I'M DOING IT ON PURPOSE!
hic
STOP HUGGING EACH OTHER!

Yeah, yeah!
Thank you.
Damn it this is ridiculous..
IT'S NOT MY FAULT!
YOU BAS-TARD!
RUMBLE
HAHN
you...

# Chuchun ga Chun

## gossip page

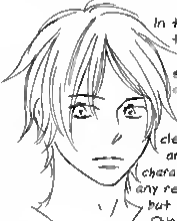

Taka (Pitcher)
Right-handed pitcher and batter
Specialises in throwing fastballs. Can throw curveballs too but he does it badly

Thank you all for your love and support for Chuchun ga Chun. It's long been my dream to draw a baseball manga but because it's a love story baseball doesn't feature so prominently. Drawing this made me very happy. I love to watch baseball games but I found that there's a big difference between watching and drawing. It's not just baseball itself - the different actions and movements were hard to draw. To add to my difficulties I've never been particularly active in sports so I really found it hard to draw a sports-themed manga. Even after consulting some reference books I still marvel at how the arm can be bent at such awkward angles. Baseball trading cards were also part of my reference materials.

There are 26 players on Tomaka's baseball team. Actually I had all 26 names and playing positions planned but didn't get a chance to draw them. So only people like Aragaki and Ooshima who are constantly with Taka are featured. Aragaki is a left-handed pitcher and Ooshima is an outfielder. But I seemed to have strayed from the point (haha).

Oh yes. I made a serious error in the first promotional poster for ChuChun vol. 1. Taka is shown holding (I should say wearing) the glove in his right hand but he's a right-handed pitcher. I didn't realise this when I was drawing. It was only when it was published that I realised it (much to my surprise) but it was too late then. I'm very sorry about that..

For any other mistakes in future. I ask for your patience and understanding. I shall be more careful. Thank you all for your support.
This manga will end at volume two.
Then see you in two years' time (haha).



In the original draft the early sketches of Shiratori were more stable than those of other characters and he had a fluffy hairstyle. He's clean-cut and rather arrogant. None of the characters are modelled on any real-life personalities but the inspiration for Shiratori is Aoki-san from the Tokyo Yakult Swallows. Aoki-san is an exemplary pro player but he's not as perverted as Shiratori. And when this pro is batting he's a lot more focused on the game than Shiratori is (haha). Aoki-san is really good so check him out if you get the chance.

By Yamamoto Kotetsuko

GAME:6

SNORE
HE'S OUT COLD AFTER ONLY ONE BEER...
WHY DRINK IF YOU CAN'T HANDLE IT?
HIK!

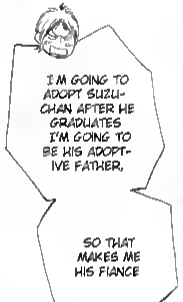
Is that a woman on the line?
ONLY MY LOVER HAS THE RIGHT TO USE THAT WORD
HONESTLY, YOU AREN'T EVEN ANYWHERE CLOSE TO BEING THAT
Pwah hye!
I HAVE A FRIEND OVER.
NONSENSE. WHO SAYS I'M TWO-TIMING YOU?
NAH,
I CAN'T MAKE IT TONIGHT
So it's a guy then?
But this guy's gay
turn
OKAY—
WHY DID YOU SAY THOSE THINGS TO YOUR LOVER?
YOU CAN GO BACK NOW, OTAKA
THANKS FOR HELPING ME BRING CHUN-CHAN OVER.

SNORE
tsum
Hm
Should I stay out of it?
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
STORE
Ha ha
THAT WASN'T MY LOVER.
HE'S JUST SOMEONE I GET OFF WITH SO YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY.
He's just one of many.
You jerk!
He goes off with guys?
OH, I SEE
pull
pull
rush
"BOTH OUR PARENTS ALSO APPROVE OF IT." I KNOW THAT'S WHAT HE SAID BUT—
"WE'VE ALREADY PROGRESSED TO THAT STAGE."

THANKS FOR YOUR HARD WORK
YOU CAN GO NOW!
HEY,
This guy's preparing to take advantage of Suzu-chan while he's asleep!
PUSH
PUSH
SNORE
YOU
WHAT KIND OF RELATIONSHIP DO YOU HAVE WITH MORINO-SAN?
I'm his fiance!

Adoptive father?
WHAT?

But you're both men.
WHAT?


I'M GOING TO ADOPT SUZU-CHAN AFTER HE GRADUATES I'M GOING TO BE HIS ADOPT-IVE FATHER,
SO THAT MAKES ME HIS FIANCE

I TOLD YOU JUST NOW AT DINNER TO STAY OUT OF THIS IT WASN'T BEEN EASY FOR US TO GET TOGETHER, SO STOP GETTING IN OUR WAY!
!
Get lost!
snore
SHOVE
creak

IF THAT'S THE CASE, LET'S WAKE MORINO-SAN
I REALLY DON'T TRUST YOU
.....
SHOCK
WAIT!
ON!
Ah!
STOP IT, DON'T WAKE HIM UP! IT'S HARD TO GET HIM TO FALL ASLEEP!
MORINO-SAN!
MORINO-SAN!
Wah!
YOU WERE LYING ABOUT BEING HIS FIANCE WEREN'T YOU?

NO, I WASN'T
WELL THEN WHAT'S YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM?
glare
I...
I'M HIS... HIS JUNIOR IN SCHOOL
IF THAT'S ALL YOU ARE WHY DID HE KISS YOU?

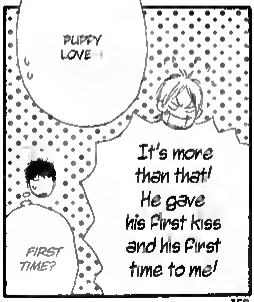
HE WOULD NEVER DO WHAT HE DID JUST NOW
HE'S ALWAYS GUARDED HIS VIRGINITY
CHUN ISN'T THE TYPE TO GO AROUND KISSING PEOPLE JUST CAUSE HE'S DRUNK
Actually he kissed me even when he wasn't drunk.
THAT WAS JUST
HE WAS JUST DRUNK AND FOOLING AROUND

PISSED
but
WE'RE ALL GUYS
Who cares about that!
I haven't kissed Chun in six years!

UGH-
14 YEARS OLD?
Man, no sign of it now...
SIX YEARS?

I should be asking you how you feel about Chun anyway!
WAIT, I'M REALLY CONFUSED RIGHT NOW...

IT SOUNDS LIKE


PUPPY LOVE!!
It's more than that! He gave his first kiss and his first time to me!
FIRST TIME?

Get out!!
THEN YOU CAN DAMN WELL GET LOST!
WHAT DO I FEEL?
NOTHING SPECIAL...
STOP FUCKING AROUND!
NO, I MEAN...
I don't want to
THIS IS WHAT I HATE MOST!
WHETHER I LIKE OR HATE THE PERSON IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THEIR GENDER!
YOU KEEP GOING ON AND ON ABOUT HOW WE'RE ALL GUYS
WELL IF IT BOTHERS YOU THAT MUCH, THEN GET LOST!

"Like"?
"Hate"?

I...
LIKE HIM.
I GUESS?

Really?
!!!
CHUN!

WHEN DID YOU WAKE UP?
FROM THE TIME YOU ANSWERED THE PHONE
YOU'RE AWAKE?
.....
CHUN. TELL THIS GUY TO GO BACK TO THE HOTEL NOW! HE'S BEEN ACTING WEIRD EVER SINCE HE GOT HERE...
SO YOU WERE AWAKE THE WHOLE TIME!
FINE, SINCE YOU'VE HEARD EVERYTHING, THINGS ARE A LOT SIMPLER.

REI-CHAN I...
I LIKE OTAKA...
What's... Going on?

HUH!?

ANYONE WOULD THINK YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT IT...
Wha~
IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'M HEARING THIS
IEK
WHAT DO YOU MEAN "HUH"?

YOU COULDN'T TELL FROM THE WAY I BEHAVED?
I WAS BEING REALLY NICE TO YOU!
shock
!?
THAT'S CAUSE YOU'RE STUPID
HOW WOULD I KNOW? YOU'RE NICE TO EVERYONE!

ENOUGH!
STOP ACTING AS THOUGH I'M NOT EVEN HERE!
Those were accidents
How mean!
WE'VE KISSED THREE TIMES ALREADY!
SNAP
OTAKA
YOU DARED TO KISS CHUN THREE TIMES. I'LL NEVER FORGIVE YOU.
What!?
Mop
Murderous gaze
Glare

I didn't agree to anything!
YOU DARED TO CHEAT ON ME YOUR FIANCE
WHO SAYS YOU'RE MY FIANCE? THAT'S JUST YOUR WISHFUL THINKING.
shock
CHUN...
SHOCK
POUND
I'M SO STUPID TO THINK I WAS SO DEVOTED TO YOU...
GRIT
shock
!?

ALL M-MEN NEED SOME RELIEF!
C Can t breathe...
Ever since you turned pro you ve been flirting with that anchorwoman and that male celebrity!
What devotion?
You swing both ways and you're promiscu-ous!
I bet that was a girl on the phone just now!
BUT YOU RE THE ONLY ONE I REALLY LOVE!
REIICHI
THE ONE I LIKE IS OTAKA
FORGIVE ME

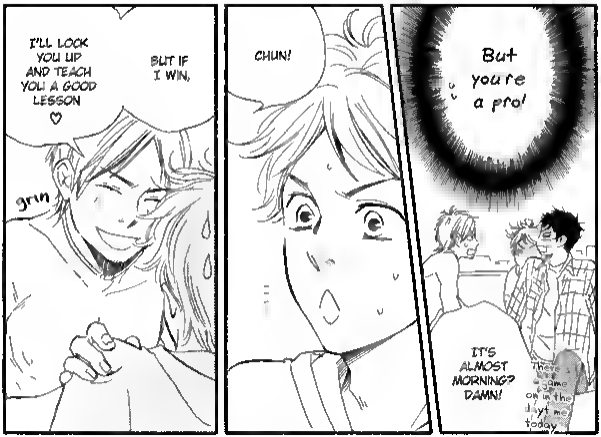
Nosebleed
He's so adorable
No!
It's been so long since I saw that pleading expression
Hmph.
!!
creak
SPEAKING OF WHICH
LIM
ALTHOUGH I SAID I "LIKE" YOU JUST NOW,
THE TRUTH IS, I'M NOT REALLY SURE

BUT NOT IF IT'S SOMEONE AS PERVERTED AS YOU ARE EVEN IF IT'S A GIRL...
Hey, just who are you calling perverted!
IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN GO FIND YOURSELF A GIRLFRIEND!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU'RE NOT SURE?
You mean you don't like me?
No.
IT'S JUST THAT... I PREFER GIRLS...
IT'S JUST THAT I DON'T WANT MORINO-SAN ...
TO BE WITH YOU

IF YOU LIKE ME
THEN JUST SAY SO!
GEEZ...

EH?
FINE, I GET IT.
FROM NOW ONWARDS, YOU'RE MY RIVAL!
SHUT UP!
THIS ISN'T HIS FAULT I WAS THE ONE WHO FELL FOR HIM.
SO THAT'S HOW IT IS?
LIKE?
PUU

OOTAKA.
YOU'RE ON THE BASEBALL TEAM, RIGHT? IN THAT CASE
What?
LET'S COMPETE!
Why?
IF I LOSE I'LL GIVE UP ON CHUN COMPLETELY


I'LL LOCK YOU UP AND TEACH YOU A GOOD LESSON ♡
BUT IF I WIN,
grin
CHUN!
But you're a pro!
IT'S ALMOST MORNING? DAMN!
There's a game on in the afternoon today.

BYE BYE
TAKE CARE NOW!
close

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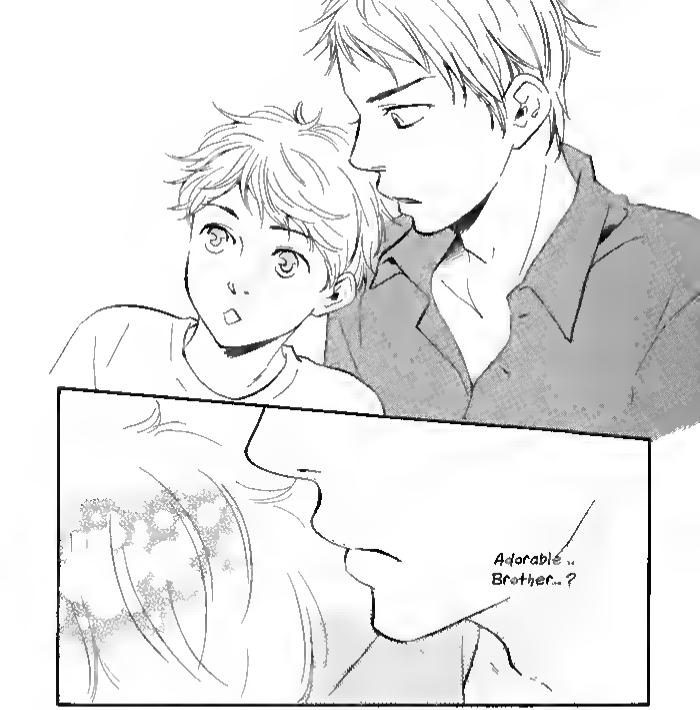
WE'RE GOING OUT!
Rattle
Okay, take car now
Third grade
AH!
REI-CHAN!
Middle school freshmen
HI, CHUN, TSUGUMI
They were my adorable baby brother and sister.
That's what I thought
青い夏

Not to mention a neighbor
Hitoshi, school freshman
I'M NOT GOING WITH MY FAMILY IT'S EMBARRASSING
I'M GOING TO SEE THE FIREWORKS WITH MY DATE
A boy from my class ♡
She's rebelling early!
It's not cute at all...
NO THANKS
Grade 6
12 years old hit puberty early
Is already known for her full figure
NEVER MIND IF SHE DOESN'T WANT TO GO
I'LL GO WITH YOU, REI-CHAN!
tug
tug
?!
YOU'RE ALREADY IN HIGH SCHOOL, BUT YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE A GIRLFRIEND
REI-CHAN, YOU HAD BETTER STOP HANGING OUT WITH HIS TWINS
NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS, YOU IDIOT!

WON'T THAT BE ENOUGH?
My adorable brother...
Kiss
Ugh! Why's your nose bleed-ing?!
You're such a good boy!
Jeez dumb bro-con
drip
sfx : thump
Huh? My nose bleed-ing?

boom
boom
WOW
THEY'RE BEAUTIFUL!
YEAH!
stare
BUT IT'S TIRING LOOKING UP AT THE FIREWORKS LIKE THIS!



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## Script

Following his beloved grandfather's death, freshman Daisuke Ootaka is about to start life at Torioka University a few days late. But Ootaka, who joined Torioka for his grandfather's sake, already regrets his choice

Then at the station, he is greeted by - of all things - a sign with his name on it carried by the pint-sized Suzume Morino (nickname Chun), captain of the baseball team!
A most reluctant Ootaka joins the baseball team and finds himself living together with Chun! The little rogue Chun is about to show his true colors!

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